

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-30 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Domestic Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

Applicants' note that acknowledgement has not yet been made of a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to provisional application of serial number 60/257,203, filed February 12, 2001. This priority was claimed in Applicants' "Transmittal of a Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)" at the bottom of the page and in Applicants' combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, both filed as part of the instant patent application. Applicants respectfully request the acknowledgement.

Election/Restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121

Applicants hereby elect the species number 1., which was identified by the examiner as "A method of treating rheumatoid arthritis by administering a sulfonylaminocarbonyl derivative." Applicants' election is made without traverse.

The following claims are readable upon the elected species: Claims 1-13, 15, and 30.

In view of the above-remarks, Applicants deem that a satisfactory response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 has been made.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants call the Examiner's attention to the enclosed supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") that cites U.S. Patent Nos. 5,254,715 and 6,117,909, the latter's Hungarian counterpart Patent Application No. HU P9900668, and copy of a Search Report from the Hungarian Patent Office for HU P9900668. (The Search Report also cites WO 97/44314, a copy of which was cited in and provided with Applicants original IDS.

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of their claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), consideration of the references cited in the supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, examination of Claims 1-13, 15, and 30, and advancement of the application with Claims 1-13, 15, and 30 to allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 23-0455.

The undersigned would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner to discuss any matters related to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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